



Washington Update

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Welcome to my Washington Update, an e-mail newsletter for the constituents of California's 29th Congressional District. Through these quick-read updates, I hope to keep you informed of progress being made in Washington, D.C. and at home on public policy issues of interest to our communities.

Schiff Sexual Predator Amendment Passed by Committee

Congressman Adam Schiff passed an amendment in the House Judiciary Committee that provides incentives to states that require lifetime electronic monitoring (GPS) of sex offenders. The amendment was offered to the "Children's Safety Act", a comprehensive bill to combat sex offenders who prey on children. Congressman Schiff is a co-sponsor of this legislation.

"Last month, I had the chance to sit down with Mark Lunsford, father of 9 year-old Jessica Lunsford, who was brutally molested and murdered by a sexually violent predator in Florida. As a father and former prosecutor, I have no higher priority than to combat the serious threat posed by sex offenders that prey upon our children," said Schiff. "This bill dramatically increases penalties on those who prey upon our kids, and I strongly support it. My amendment will add the tool of GPS tracking technology to monitor predators for life."

Reminder: Services Available from our DC and Pasadena Office

Staff in our D.C. and Pasadena offices are always available to help constituents. Here are some examples of common requests:

- **Passports and Visas-** Our Pasadena office can provide passport applications and assist in the event of an overseas emergency.
- **U.S. Flags-** Our D.C. office can secure, at cost, U.S. flags that have been flown over the U.S. Capitol. Each flag comes with a certificate of authenticity. These are a great idea for a special birthday or anniversary.

- **Tours of the U.S. Capitol-** If you are planning a trip to Washington please call our D.C. office. We will be happy to arrange a tour of the U.S. Capitol led by a member of our staff.
- **Dealing with Federal Agencies-** If you are having a problem with a federal agency, like Social Security or the IRS, caseworkers in our Pasadena office can write letters and make phone calls on your behalf.

With these or any other requests please do not hesitate to call the D.C. office at (202) 225-4176 or the Pasadena office at (626) 304-2727 or visit our website at www.house.gov/schiff.

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